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Extension of the first cooperation framework for Mauritania

Note by the Administrator

Period of Extension: 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002

1. The first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Mauritania was approved by the Executive Board at its second regular session for 1997 for the period 1997-2001. The framework focused on three priority areas: poverty reduction, environmental management and preservation, and good governance.

2. Of the three priority areas, a support programme was drawn up and implemented only for poverty reduction. Assistance for the governance and environment programmes was limited to preparing the ground so that they could be launched on a sound foundation in line with UNDP's new vision.

3. Taking into account the various programming cycles operating within the United Nations system and the constraints of the different agencies, it was decided to harmonize the cycles starting in January 2003. Moreover, the Government would like the common cycle of the United Nations agencies to be harmonized with its own three-year programming cycle, which also begins in 2003. To this end, the United Nations agencies have agreed that the common cycle should have a six-year duration so that it corresponds to the Government's programming framework.

4. Development of the common country assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework is under way and will be completed by the end of 2001 in order to provide the country team with the necessary guidance for preparing their new cycle during 2002.

5. Consequently, given the need to harmonize programming cycles, the Government has requested an extension of the current programming framework to cover the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

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6. The country programme review, whose findings and indications are to be used in preparing the next CCP, is scheduled for June 2001. The review will be able to draw on the findings of the evaluation of the poverty reduction support programme, which began in May 2001.

7. As for the programmes on governance and the environment, the extension period will make it possible to finalize the strategic initiatives already under way, namely: (a) for governance, to finalize a detailed national programme on good governance and a long-term decentralization policy and action plan, as well as to finalize the UNDP support document and launch the operational activities for the good governance programme; and (b) for the environment, to finalize the reference framework and the plan of action (PANE) for mainstreaming environmental issues in development policies.

8. The Administrator would like to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first cooperation framework for Mauritania for a period of one year, beginning on 1 January 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Mauritania (1997-2002)*

Source	Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)	Comments
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated carry-over	737	Includes carry-over of TRAC 1 and 2 and of administrative and operational support services.
TRAC 1.1.1	5 980	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 100 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS**	1 276	
Subtotal	**7 993**[a]	
Other resources		
Government cost-sharing	300	
Third party cost-sharing	1 000	
UNDP-administered funds, trust funds and other funds		
	of which:	
GEF	2 500	
UNSO	500	
UNCDF	6 000	
UNIFEM	250	
SPR	500[b]	
Subtotal	**11 050**	
Grand total	**19 043**[a]	

* Includes the extension year (2002).

** Includes $200,000 requested for the extension period.

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

[b] SPR allocated to the Poverty Strategy Initiative.

Abbreviations: GEF = Global Environment Facility; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; SPR = special programme resources; STS = support for technical services; TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core; UNCDF = United Nations Capital Development Fund; UNIFEM = United Nations Development Fund for Women; UNSO = Office to Combat Desertification and Drought.